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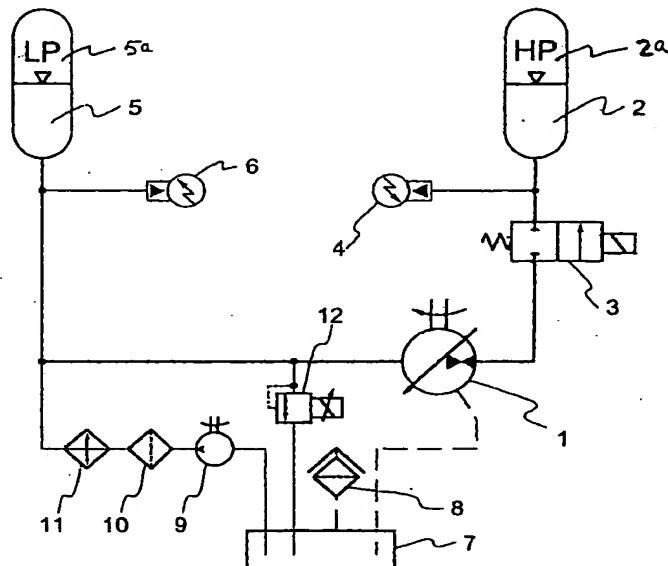
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Hydraulic energy storage system with high pressure accumulator, a pump/motor and two low pressure accumulators. The claim 11 drafted as compensated accumulator is also seen as a system.

2. Claims: 3,15-24

Compensated accumulator with coaxial high and low pressure chambers having pistons connected by at least three rods

3. Claims: 4-7

Compensated accumulator with coaxial high and low pressure chambers having piston position sensors

4. Claims: 8-10,25

Compensated accumulator with coaxial high and low pressure chambers having connected pistons and integrally formed with a valve block

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